



# Town of Penhold – Council Media Release

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## Highlights From May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017 Council Meeting

A special presentation to start the meeting occurred with Mayor Cooper identifying that Lynnette Nisbet our local Horticulturist received the top 2016 Apprenticeship Award in Landscaping Horticultural Program through Alberta Apprenticeship and Industry Training Board. A special presentation was made in Edmonton April 21<sup>st</sup> recognizing Miss Nisbet for her achievements. Mayor Cooper thanked Lynnette in caring for all the trees and beautiful shrub beds in Penhold.

CAO Binnendyk identified that there has been a number of tax notices and assessment notices that came back due to the address identifying General Delivery. Information has been posted on the sign board and other media realms reminding residents that the notices have gone out and if they did not receive their notice to please contact the Town Office.

Penhold is holding an Open House for anyone who wishes to discuss their assessment information with the Town's Assessor on May 17<sup>th</sup>. Please contact the Town Office for a personal appointment @ 403-886-4567.

Penhold Fitness Centre is seeing increasing interest in the after-hours usage with the 24-hr fobs being requested. To date there are now 97 users for after-hour usage. Fitness programs have come to life with a strong response with yoga, pound, Bootcamp, HIIT and spin classes. For the month there were 28 classes running. The Multiplex had 12,616 people come through the facility for the month of April.

The Penhold Fire Department had 9 callouts for the month of April with 7 being medical.

With spring season officially here Public Works have set up the yard waste bins located north of the Multiplex. The waste from the bins goes to a large composting facility for recycling. Spring Clean-up Week is set for May 25<sup>th</sup> to June 5<sup>th</sup>. This is a great way to get rid of stuff that has been sitting around your home. Another opportunity to de-clutter your home is the "Kick it to the Curb" event being held on May 26<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup>.

The Community Garage Sale is being held on May 27<sup>th</sup>. The format for this event is each home can set up their own items for sale at their residence. You can contact Mel at the Town Office to register your garage sale and a list of homes having garage sales will be compiled. Citizens are invited to participate in a garage sale scavenger hunt visiting at least five garage sales around town collecting a secret word. Once you have collected five of the words you can return to the Multiplex to enter the draw between 11:00am – 2:00pm.

Mark your calendar and plan to attend the BBQ with Council on June 22<sup>nd</sup> from 4:30pm to 7:00pm. Come join us at the IGA parking lot for a burger and an opportunity to meet with your town councillors.

Facility Manager Michael S. recommended that the Penhold Multiplex undergo an energy audit to find possible cost savings within the complex. The findings of the audit will allow the town to possibly pursue funding through MCCAC TAME program to assist in the costs to make the retrofits.

The 2017 Business Appreciation event hosted on April 25<sup>th</sup> was very well received. Council hosted the businesses in the Bar Down Grill & Lounge. Bar Down provided amazing appetizers while Troubled Monk Brewery provided presentations on the brewing process. Business representatives filled in questionnaires and the information received will be reviewed at the next Council Workshop.

Mr. John Reid from Axia Fibre made a presentation to Council on promoting fibre connections right into the houses within Penhold. This will give residents new options for high speed and fast speed internet for their pleasure and business opportunities currently not available. The first step will be community consultation to determine if there is sufficient interest to move this project forward. In discussion with other communities that have gone this route the response has been very positive for the change in terms of internet speed and costs.

Other functions that Council will be representing Penhold at this coming week:

May 12<sup>th</sup> - Sylvan Lake Grand Opening of the new Nexsource Centre

May 12<sup>th</sup> – Michael Dawe will be at the Library at 7PM speaking on Canada’s 150

For complete reports and information on this meeting please visit the Town of Penhold website:

[www.townofpenhold.ca/Council\\_Briefing.php](http://www.townofpenhold.ca/Council_Briefing.php).

**Council Meetings:**

Regular Council Meetings are held the 2nd & 4th Mondays of each month starting at 6:00PM. They are open to the public and questions are welcome at the end of each meeting.

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